granting such permits have been given to the veterinary officers in the State.

The District Advisory Committees have been constituted for advising and assisting the Veterinary Officers before permission to export cows is given to any person/party and this Committee has also to give advice for effective implementation of the various provisions of the Act.

Uttar Pradesh:—The District Magistrates and State Police Department have been directed to exercise greater vigilance in implementing the Cow slaughter Act and for plugging loopholes of which advantage is taken by unscrupulous elements. Local bodies in the rural and urban areas have been asked to keep a watch over illegal attempts to get cows and the progeny slaughtered under one pretext or the other and to report to the law enforcing agencies. The Divisional Commissioners have also been asked to keep a supervisory vigil in the matter.

Jammu & Kashmir:—Cow slaughter has been a penal offence in Jammu & Kashmir. The offence of cow slaughter is punishable with imprisonment of either description for ten years and fine.

Rajasthan:—The State Government have imposed complete ban on cow slaughter and restricted its movement outside the State through administrative instructive instructions. The Collectors have been instructed to ensure strictly that not cattle is moved outside the State for slaughter purposes.

Linking of Madurai with Cochin by A National Highway

*445. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to link Madurai with Cochin by a National Highway; and

(b) whether any survey was conducted in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Aralam Central State Farms, Kerala

*446. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the employees in the Aralam Central State Farms, Kerala are permanent;

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to make their services permanent;

(c) whether there is any court verdict regarding the wages and service matters of the workers of the Aralam Central State Farm, Kerala, if so, whether the verdict has been implemented;

(d) what is the percentage of land in the farm which is still kept barren;

(e) whether any fencing or compound wall is existing around the farm for its protection;

(f) whether all the possible sources of irrigation facilities are being utilised in the farm, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(g) whether quarters are being provided to the workers and staff; and